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## CHRISTMAS-TIDE.

The spirit of the Child is abroad in the earth. It was not so before the Child of Bethlehem came to be with us and to speak to us in His heavenly language of peace and good-will to men. It is conceded, by the ablest scholars, that the charity, the gentleness, and the unselfishness which we commend today were not known in the bad and black ages of Greece and Rome. There is a difference between founding a charity for one hundred poor children, as did Cælia Macrina, and the permanent work of a better benevolence. And when Antoninus Pius and Marcus Aurelius established institutions for destitute girls, they only showed how the spirit of the Child was coming to be felt in the world.

In all the year there is no more suggestive time than Christmas. The very streets and stores are aglow with its presence. Bitterness, wrath and cruelty are pushed, for one brief while, into their proper darkness. And, somehow, through the wintry air, there ring chimes of gladness and carols of good cheer.

It was a revelation when, on the catacomb wall, the devout Christian could read the name of some dear child, dead in the faith of Him whom Herod could not destroy. But it was a still finer revelation when the old pagan customs were transformed by the touch of this baby hand. The Romans kept the Saturnalia and other festivals in December, as if in unconscious prophecy of the great Festival which was to come. And we, who now deck our homes with green and give gifts to children, and to the poor, are helping forward that strange regeneration which the Child has wrought amid the heathenisms of mankind.

When this harmless and even beautiful mirth takes on the guise of riot and debauchery—when the selfish overpowers the self-sacrificing spirit, then indeed does the old pagan debasement become apparent. But, as though to impress upon us the full meaning of the time, the early fathers chose the twenty-fifth of December, which is and will always remain "the birth-festival of the unconquered sun." This they established as the proper (though by no means the exact) date of the birth of our Lord. And when we thus come with Christmas Day to the renewed power of the solar beams, we have a double cause for thanksgiving and for hope. The winter is in act to be gone. Its dark and cold discouragement is henceforth to change to the advancing light and warmth of spring. There may be biting and eager winds which yet will blow, and the days of storm and stress may not be over. But the close of the winter solstice is a certain harbinger of better and brighter times.

May it be so with us all. May the light of the Child's eyes, and the warmth of His tiny hand, be like a ray from heaven and a touch from the Divine Love! And, as we go about in our giving and receiving of gifts and kindnesses, may we come back—whether as princes or as peasants, as kings or as shepherds—to that happy mother on whose knee "sweet Peace sits clothed in smiles." For with Him in its centre, each house, rich or poor, is equally the place of the true Nativity with that stable at Bethlehem.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.  
The public meeting of this association is being held as we go to press on Friday evening, and we can only anticipate a little of the subjects there presented for consideration.

They are three—Sidewalks, Drainage at Liberty Street and Bloomfield Avenue, and the straightening of the Patterson Road above Belleville Avenue. Of course these matters must all come before the Township Committee for final consideration and action, but the plan of the association to have them first brought before the citizens for examination is a most excellent one, and will greatly aid the Township Committee in determining what course of action to pursue.

This is one of the ways in which the Improvement Association can be most

valuable. The matter of sidewalks is, we think, the most deserving of prompt attention, and money spent for this purpose cannot fail to produce an immediate effect on the prosperity of the town. We earnestly hope a plan will be proposed which will commend itself to the association and be recommended by them to the public.

The new grades of Bloomfield Avenue at Liberty Street result in bringing a large amount of water there for distribution, and the old water-way to Tony's Brook has been filled in by the rebuilding of the avenue. It is proposed to extend Liberty Street across the land formerly of Farrand Ward and others, and at the same time to construct a drain to the brook. It is also proposed to run a street northwesterly from Washington Street parallel with and east of the railroad until it shall meet the extended part of Liberty Street.

This would open up a large tract of land which could be drained at the same time, and would then, because of its nearness to the Center, be available for building purposes.

The straightening of Broad Street to conform with lines laid down by Commissioners some years ago is important to be considered before the water mains and hydrants are laid and fixed. This only needs the active co-operation of the owners of land on that street to become an accomplished fact. If the Township Committee will locate the lines and a few of the property owners will promptly reset their fences, we think the matter will take care of itself. We are glad the Improvement Association is taking hold of these things.

## TIME TABLES.

Carefully corrected up to date.

## DEL., LACK &amp; WESTERN RAILROAD.

Barclay and Christopher Street Ferries.

## TO NEW YORK.

Leave Montclair—6:08, 7:15, 7:55, 8:28, 9:15, 10:35, 11:35, 12:50, 1:40, 2:30, 3:45, 4:55, 5:25, 6:30, 6:57, 8:15, 9:40, 11:05 p.m. 12:20 a.m.  
Leave Newark—6:40, 7:15, 7:55, 8:28, 9:15, 10:35, 11:35 a.m. 12:50, 1:40, 2:30, 3:45, 4:55, 5:25, 6:30, 6:57, 8:15, 9:40, 11:05 p.m. 12:20 a.m.  
Arrive Newark—6:22, 7:30, 8:10, 9:30, 10:50, 11:50, 12:50 a.m. 1:20, 2:30, 3:40, 4:50, 5:20, 6:10, 7:10, 7:55, 9:10, 10:40, 11:55 p.m.

## FROM NEW YORK.

Leave New York—6:30, 7:20, 8:10, 9:30, 10:30, 11:20 a.m. 12:40, 2:10, 3:40, 4:20, 4:50, 5:30, 6:20, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00, 11:15 p.m.  
Leave Newark—6:40, 7:15, 7:55, 8:28, 9:15, 10:35, 11:35 a.m. 1:13, 2:44, 4:13, 5:26, 6:03, 6:53, 7:48, 9:08, 10:38, 11:53 p.m.  
Arrive Montclair—6:51, 7:26, 8:09, 8:55, 10:15, 11:15 a.m. 12:05, 1:24, 2:55, 4:24, 5:04, 5:37, 6:15, 7:05, 8:40, 9:14, 10:50 p.m. 12:06 a.m.

\* Indicates that train does not stop at Newark.

NEW YORK AND GREENWOOD LAKE R. R.

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## TO NEW YORK.

Leave Upper Montclair—5:28, 6:57, 7:49, 8:47, 10:47 a.m. 1:28, 4:45, 6:56, 9:58 p.m.  
Leave Montclair—5:33, 7:02, 7:55, 8:53, 10:52 a.m. 1:34, 3:47, 4:50, 6:55, 10:03 p.m.  
Leave Bloomfield—5:38, 7:06, 7:59, 8:57, 10:56 a.m. 1:40, 3:51, 4:54, 6:58, 10:06 p.m.  
Arrive New York—6:25, 7:50, 8:40, 9:40, 11:40 a.m. 12:25, 4:40, 5:40, 7:55, 10:55 p.m.

Trains marked \* will run Saturday nights only.

Sunday trains from Montclair at 8:44 a.m. and 5:28 p.m.

## FROM NEW YORK.

Leave New York—6:00, 8:30, 12:00 a.m. 3:40, 4:40, 5:40, 6:20, 8:00 p.m. Leaves 23d Street 15 minutes earlier.  
Arrive Bloomfield—6:49, 9:21 a.m. 12:43, 4:19, 5:24, 6:20, 7:05, 8:39 p.m.  
Arrive Montclair—7:02, 9:25 a.m. 12:49, 4:29, 5:29, 6:26, 7:11, 8:46 p.m.  
Arrive Upper Montclair—7:06, 9:29 a.m. 12:53, 4:29, 5:29, 6:31, 7:16, 8:50 p.m.  
Also a Saturday train from New York at 12 a.m. for the accommodation of theatre-goers, arriving at Montclair at 12:32 a.m.  
Sunday trains from New York at 8:45 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

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Baldwin, Mrs. M. E. Munn, Wm.  
Cruse, Mrs. Noven, Dennis  
Demarest, Willard Page, M. L.  
Gray, Morris Rodgers, Ann  
Harrison, Jos. Robinson, A.  
Haycock, A. Schuyler, Mrs. C.  
Hern, John O. Slack, John  
Hartie, W. Smith, Mrs. W.  
Maythorn, W. F. Vander Schlaus, H.  
Meyer, James Vanarsdale, T. C.  
Meyers, John Ward, A. J.  
Mellor, John White, B. R.

Any person calling for the above will please ask for "advertised" letters.  
H. DODD, P. M.

## MARRIED.

MEYER-SCHWARTZ. In Westminster Church, Bloomfield, N. J., by the Rev. P. A. Schwartz, assisted by Rev. Prof. Georg A. Seibert, Ph. D. and Rev. S. W. Duffell, the Rev. Emil A. Meury of Jersey City, and Augusta Schwartz, daughter of the officiating clergyman.

## BUSINESS NOTICES.

E. WILDE, in the Centre, has laid in a fine line of holiday goods, suitable for presents, and useful in the family. All are welcome to call and see. Jams, jellies, plum pudding and other delicacies for the table. He is also receiving oranges direct from Florida. A word to the wise, etc.

R. E. HECKEL & SONS' representative has just returned from an extended tour in foreign lands. He made a careful study of Turkey, and was all over Greece. He has secured from the Sultan an order to supply the Imperial harem with the material for its Christmas dinner. It will consist in part of turkeys and chickens, of the kind known as "Jerseys"—tender and true. Jersey cranberries and celery, apples, oranges, bananas, grapes, and the usual variety of fresh and canned vegetables, a lot of prepared "mince meat," which is from the store of Baker & Hubbell, and for breakfast, next morning some fine pork tenderloins and sausage. The Sultan knows what good living is, and he don't mind paying fair prices for first-class articles.

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